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SUBJECT: EL AL TO RECEIVE LANDING RIGHTS IN MEXICO

1. IN SEPTEMBER 6 JERUSALEM POST INTERVIEW, PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA STATED MEXICO HAD AGREED IN PRICIPLE TO GRANT EL AL LANDING RIGHTS IN MEXICO CITY AND HOPED FINAL DETAILS COULD BE RAPIDLY WORKED OUT. ECHEVERRIA WAS SAID TO HAVE MET EARLIER IN WEEK WITH SRAELI AMBASSADOR TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT AND TO DISCUSS OTHER MEASURES FOR COOPERATION WITH ISRAEL. ECHEVERRIA EXPRESSED TO INTERVIEWER HIS WISH THAT AGREEMENT WOULD NOT ONLY BOOST TOURISM TO MEXICO BUT WOULD ALSO SMOOTH WHAT HE TERMED "THE MISUNDERSTANDING" WITH ISRAEL OVER MEXICO'S UN VOTE ON ZIONISM LAST YEAR.
2. BY GAINING LANDING RIGHTS IN MEXICO CITY, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, EL AL WOULD BE ABLE TO OFFER AMERICAN TOURISTS FROM THE WEST COAST WHO VISIT ISRAEL AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE HOME.
3. ISRAELI PRESS REPORTED ON SEPTEMBER 7 THE DEPARTURE OF EL AL VICE PRESIDENT YERAHMIEL SHREM TO MEXICO TO SIGN A LANDING RIGHTS AGREEMENT WITH MEXICO.
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